

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



1962

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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For the year 1962.



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Urban District Council Offices,
Kilwardby Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Urban District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Madam Chairman, Dr. Griffith and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1962.

The population is steadily increasing and is now 7,480 compared with 7,450 in 1961.

The birth rate (16.4) is lower than last year (18.6) and lower than that for England and Wales (18.0).

The death rate (10.4) is lower than last year (12.2) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.9).

The chief causes of death were from diseases associated with elderly people.

33 houses were completed during the year making a total of 781 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 115 and the number of applications received during the year was 69.

During the year 32 unfit houses were demolished and 2 closed.

During the year 24 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, 22 Measles, one Whooping Cough and one Puerperal Pyrexia. There were five deaths from Pneumonia.

During the outbreak of smallpox in some parts of the country at the beginning of the year, the son of one of the cases in Birmingham visited this area. A considerable amount of visiting and enquiries was necessary. To allay the panic which existed during that period involved a considerable amount of time, particularly in answering telephone calls.

I am pleased to report that the number of children who received primary immunisation against diphtheria still remains high.

Only one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, a male, was notified during the year.

The Mass Radiography Unit again made a survey in the area.

I should like to express my thanks to the staff of the Public Health Department of the County and to Dr. Mair and his staff in the Public Health Laboratory at Groby Road, Leicester, for their help and co-operation.

Finally, I must thank Mr. F. H. Wynne, Public Health Inspector, for his invaluable help during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and courtesy.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Area (in acres)	5,985
Population (R.G.'s estimate)	7,480
Number of inhabited houses	2,347
Rateable Value (at 1st April, 1962)	£93,174
Sum represented by a penny rate	£366
Comparability factor - Births	0.96
- Deaths	1.10

Ashby-de-la-Zouch is a market town, the chief industries of the district are agriculture; biscuit making; crisp manufacture; dairies; soap manufacturing and glove manufacturing. A number of workers engaged in coalmining; earthenware and brickmaking are residents in the town. There are also 4 Public Parks and an Open-air Swimming Bath.

No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the population.

Vital Statistics

		<u>% England and Wales</u>
Live Births	128	
Live Birth rate	16.4	18.0
Still Births	4	
Still Birth rate per 1000 (live and still)	30.4	18.1
Total Births (live and still)	132	
Infant Deaths	3	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births	23.4	21.4
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 legitimate births	15.6	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate births	7.8	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live births	23.4	15.1
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live births	15.6	
Perinatal mortality, the early neo-natal mortality combined with the still births per 1000 total births	45.4	
Percentage of illegitimate live births	6.3	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1000 total births	.0	0.35



Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births : Legitimate	68	52	120
Illegitimate	7	1	8
	<u>75</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>128</u>
Still Births : Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Births (Live and Still)	<u>76</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>132</u>
Deaths	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>71</u>
Death rate per 1000 population		10.4	
Death rate England and Wales		11.9	

Causes of Death during 1962

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm stomach	1	2	3
Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	3	6
Leukaemia Aleukaemia	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	5	12
Coronary disease, angina	3	3	6
Other heart disease	1	8	9
Other circulatory disease	1	2	3
Influenza	1	0	1
Pneumonia	6	1	7
Bronchitis	4	1	5
Nephritis & Nephrosis	0	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	0	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	4
All other accidents	1	0	1
	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>71</u>

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Diseases of heart and circulation	30
Malignant neoplasm (Cancer)	17
Diseases of the respiratory system	13

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Hospitals

All hospitals are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for aged and infirm people are under the County Council. When the inmates become ill they are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch and District Hospital

This is the only hospital in the area and is under the Leicester No. 2 Hospital Management Committee. The hospital has accommodation for 28 patients, including 13 maternity beds.

No. of In-Patients (Medical, Surgical, etc.)	850
No. of Maternity cases admitted (included in above 850)	420
No. of Births	341
No. of Still Births	3
Out-Patients attendances, including casualties and ante-natal Operations	6,632 308

Loudoun House. County Home for Old People

Loudoun House accommodates 48 residents of both sexes who by reason of age, infirmity, etc. are unable to care for themselves in their own homes. Whilst many of the residents are from the immediate locality, there are numbers admitted from other areas of the County because of the pressing demand for accommodation. All residents have the opportunity of being transferred to a County Home nearer to their normal area of residence but as this often entails a lengthy delay whilst waiting for a suitable vacancy, little movement actually takes place as the residents do not wish to face another upheaval and settling in.

The Home receives considerable support and interest from members of Local organisations some of which takes the form of gifts particularly on festive occasions, others in visiting or by inducing the residents to participate in various functions they arrange. These organisations realise the importance of letting the residents of Loudoun House know that they are now new residents of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and are not a little community of folk living apart.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. An Ante-Natal Clinic is held at the Adult School, Bridge Road, Coalville, and the Tuberculosis Clinic at Markfield Sanatorium. The Tuberculosis Clinic is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community Centre on Wednesday mornings, except during the school holidays.

Ambulance Facilities

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

Nursing in the Home

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the County Council.

Health Visiting

This work is provided, as before, by the County Council and is ably carried out in the area.

A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the District in the County Laboratory were as follows::

Bloods	:	3
Vaginal & Cervical Swabs	:	13
Faeces and Urine	:	41
Sputa	:	37
Waters	:	6
Food	:	4
Miscellaneous	:	4
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Generally, there is co-operation between the local authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

Meals on Wheels

This service, operated by the Women's Voluntary Service, commenced in May 1962 and supplies a hot meal two days per week to about 12 elderly and infirm people living within the District.

SECTION C

Water Supply

The water supply has been satisfactory in quantity but complaints are still being received from residents regarding the taste and smell of chlorophenols in the water.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district :

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	2352
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Estimated population	7244
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Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses	30
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Estimated population	147
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Well water supply -

No. of dwelling houses	27
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Estimated population	89
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Apart from a few isolated dwellings, the whole of the urban area is supplied with water from the public mains.

No. of cases in which a piped supply was substituted for well water	1
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Water Samples

Mains Supply

Six samples of tap water were submitted for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

Well Supply

Two samples of well water were submitted for bacteriological examination. One sample was unsatisfactory. Persons using this well have been warned to boil the water before use.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	1
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Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	-
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Total number of cesspools in district on 31st December, 1962	15
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Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December, 1962 :

(a) Privies	1
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	14
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	2,573

Number of closets converted to water carriage system
during year :

(a) Privies	..	..	..	Nil
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	Nil

Number of privies converted to pail closets Nil

No. grant is made towards the cost of conversion.

Public Cleansing

Until November an 8-day refuse collection service was operated by one Shelvoke and Drewry 25 cubic yard "Fore and Aft" Freighter, and one Dennis "Chelsea" side loader which was used for one day each week to collect refuse from the outlying areas. In November the Council adopted a new bonus scheme and from 21st November a weekly service operated throughout the whole of the district.

The refuse is disposed of in the disused railway cutting off Smisby Road. This tip is partially controlled.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received	..	..	16
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	16

Particulars of Inspections made

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal keeping	3
Bakehouses	6
Dairies	2
Drainage works	20
Dwelling houses	1,209
Infectious diseases inquiries	18
Food poisoning inquiries	-
Food premises	103
Offensive trades	-
Refuse collection and disposal	148
Rodent control	13
Schools	6
Shops	39
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	312
Smoke control	-
Tents, vans, sheds etc.	9
Verminous and dirty premises	6
Water supplies	51
Factories and Workshops	4
Other inspections	261
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Total	2,210
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Notices

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1962	-	2
Issued during year	-	10
Complied with during year	-	9
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1962	-	3

Statutory

Statutory Notices - Nil Summary action - 1

Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950 :

	<u>Outstand</u> <u>ing. 1st</u> <u>Jan.1962</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>found</u>	<u>Defects</u> <u>remedied</u>	<u>Outstand</u> <u>ing. 31st</u> <u>Dec.1962</u>
Sanitary Conveniences	0	11	11	0
Ventilation	0	1	1	0
Facilities for taking meals	0	1	1	0
Washing Facilities	0	3	3	0

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Number of site licences issued :

(a)	Individual vans	..	..	..	2
(b)	More than 2 vans	..	..	..	0

No action taken.

Verminous Premises

Particulars of action taken :

No. of Council houses infested	..	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found infested	1	
No. of houses disinfested	.. ..	1

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are 2 licensed Pet Shops. 5 inspections were made during the year.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

No premises in the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

One part-time rodent operator is employed.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public

Number in area :

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	0
	No. of inspections				2

The Swimming Baths were not open during the year.

SECTION D

HOUSING

Houses completed during the year

	<u>Prefab</u> <u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>	<u>Permanent</u> <u>Type</u>
Local Authority	Nil	16
Private Enterprise	Nil	17

Houses in course of erection at end of year

Local Authority	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	Nil	5

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	458
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Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	323
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Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	115
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Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	69
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Housing Summary

Total number of houses occupied in district	2347
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Total number of Council houses occupied in district	618
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HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

In Clearance Areas	Houses Demolished	Displaced During Year	
		Persons	Families
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation	20	18	11
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957	4	9	3
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	6	12	4
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	2	5	2
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	-	-	-
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-
B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
	Number		
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	2	3	2
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957,	-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By	
	Owner	Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	9	-
(12) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	-	-
(13) Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957.	-	-

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered :

(a) Manufacture and retail	..	..	..	0
(b) Manufacture only	..	..	..	0
(c) Retail only	..	..	..	32

All premises retail prepacked ice cream only.

Bacteriological Milk Samples

All samples were taken by the County Council.

Meat and other Foods

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	4195
No. of animals examined therein	..	..	4195
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	10%
No. of Knacker yards in area	..	..	Nil
No. of visits to Knacker yards	..	..	Nil

Following a complaint by a resident of the area, the owners of a local bakery were prosecuted under Section 2 (1) Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for selling a loaf of bread which contained mice faeces. The defendants pleaded 'guilty' and were fined £50 plus costs.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed	825	239	11	2170	961
Number inspected	825	239	11	2170	961
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	177	96	-	39	62
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	21.5	40.1	-	1.4	6.5
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.5
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections	Nil
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc.

Number of inspections	13
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Places where food (other than meat) is
kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	90
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Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Number of premises inspected	31
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Number of inspections made for the purpose	..	103
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Number of informal notices served	2
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Number of informal notices complied with	..	3
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Number of informal notices outstanding 31st December, 1962	0
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Number of formal notices served	0
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Improvement works to the Market Hall were still in progress at the end of the year.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1962

Disease	Final No. after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0
Measles	22	0	0
Total	24	0	0

Analysis under Age Groups According
to Registrar General's Return

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Puerperal Pyrexia
Under 1 year	0	0	0
1	1	0	0
2	0	1	0
3	0	2	0
4	0	1	0
5-9	0	17	0
10-14	0	1	0
14-24	0	0	1
25 and over	0	0	0
Age unknown	0	0	0
Total	1	22	1

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of Children who were immunised during the period
1st January - 31st December, 1962

Age at 31.12.62 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1962	1 1961	2 1960	3 1959	4 1958	5-9 1953-57	10-14 1948-50	Total
Primary Immunis- ation	42	61	10	1	3	11	3	131
Booster Dose	-	12	24	2	7	52	4	101

Statement of Particulars appearing in the
Tuberculosis Register for the year 1962

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	16	3	6	-	25
Number of cases notified during year	0	0	0	1	1
Number of cases added other than by formal notification	0	1	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from Register	5	4	0	1	10
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	11	0	6	0	17

Tuberculosis - Year 1962

Causes of Removal from Register

	M A L E S		F E M A L E S		Total
	Pulmonary	Non.Pul.	Pulmonary	Non.Pul.	
Died	1	0	1	0	2
Cured	3	0	3	0	6
Left Area	1	0	0	1	2
Total	5	0	4	1	10

Smallpox Contacts

The son of one of the smallpox cases in the Birmingham area visited a house near this district, attending church service morning and evening. Some 40 people attended both services. All these people and their families were vaccinated, and as there were several people who lived in various areas both near and far, the appropriate Medical Officers of Health were notified. A large amount of visiting and enquiry was necessary, but it was made much easier by the co-operation of all church members. The state of panic which existed brought numerous enquiries from people, particularly by telephone, which considerably interfered with one's work.

Mass Radiography

An X-ray survey was carried out in April. In all 2,147 persons were examined, 770 males and 1,377 females. Three cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were discovered which did not require close supervision and three cases were discovered which required formal supervision. Included in the 24 other diseases discovered were two cases of lung cancer.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment. A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-ray facilities.

A number of cases and contacts were seen and examined by Dr. Paul at the Outwoods Hospital, Burton-on-Trent.

ANNEX TO ANNUAL REPORT

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1959

Resumé of Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1962 sent to the Director of Statistics, Ministry of Labour and National Service Headquarters, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec-</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	0
Factories not included in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	49	14	1
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	4	0
	<u>55</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>

Cases in which defects were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases</u>	
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Want of cleanliness	1	1
Sanitary conveniences (unsuitable or defective)	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)

No outworkers in district.

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